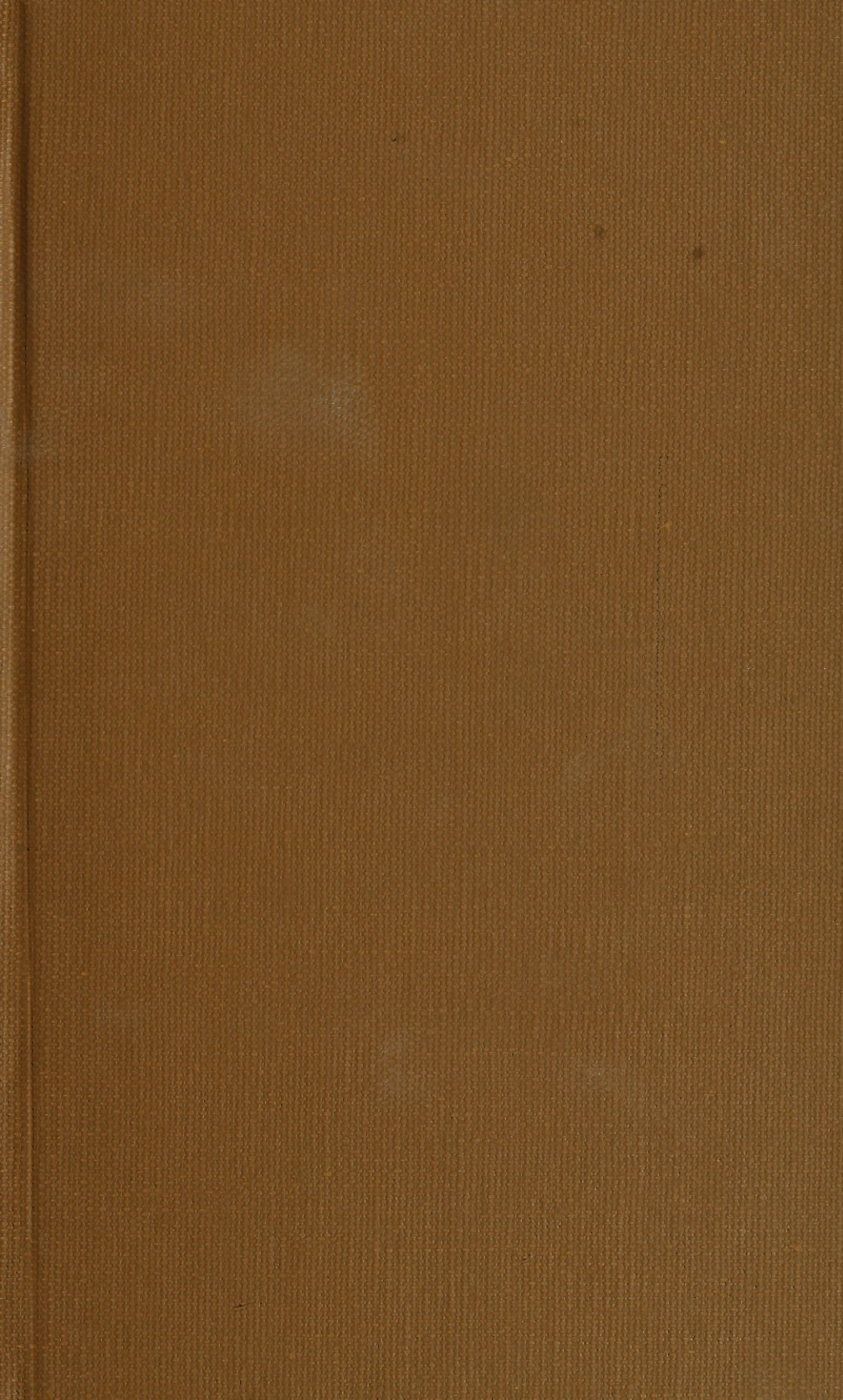






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BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES,
FEBRUARY 2, 1872.

Read and ordered to be printed.

By order,

MILTON Y. KIDD,
Chief Clerk.

MAJORITY REPORT

OF THE

SPECIAL COMMITTEE,

APPOINTED TO

Examine and Cancel Certain Coupons

BELONGING TO THE

State of Maryland.

ANNAPOLIS:

S. S. MILLS & L. F. COLTON, STATE PRINTERS.

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REPORT.

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The General Assembly of Maryland:

The report of the undersigned, a majority of the Committee appointed by your Honorable Body, by a joint resolution heretofore passed, directing a Special Committee to examine and cancel certain coupons in said resolutions mentioned, respectfully report :

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That, as the Legislature manifestly intended, by the aforesaid law, to have all coupons recorded before cancellation, in the order in which they were paid, they deemed it advisable not to burn any coupons, but we recommend the repeal and re-enactment of Section 24, of Article XCIV., of Code of Public General Laws, and herewith beg leave to report a bill for that purpose.

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AMENDMENT PROPOSED.

A bill, entitled an Act to repeal and re-enact with amendments Section 24 of Article XCIV., of the Code of Public General Laws.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the 24th section of Article XCIV., title "Treasurer," of the Code of Public General Laws, be and the same is hereby repealed and re-enacted so as to read as follows :

Section 24. The Treasurer of the State shall record all State coupons that have been or may hereafter be paid and returned to the Treasury by the Agents employed to pay the interest on the public debt ; and shall, together with the Comptroller, at the close of every month, examine and burn all such coupons that have been recorded, and shall make a report of their proceedings, showing the amount of the value of such coupons to the Legislature at each session thereof.

